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## COL. JONES' CONTRACT.

How Negotiations Were Conducted With Mr. Pulitzer.

CARVALHO WAS THE AGENT.

Col. Jones Tells of the Arrangement by Which He Obtained Control of the Post-Dispatch.

The trial of the Jones-Pulitzer injunction case was resumed before Judge Leroy B. Vaillant at 10:30 Tuesday morning, with Col. Jones on the stand to continue his testimony where it was cut short Monday by adjournment of the court at 1 p.m.

A crowd of spectators was much larger in the day before, members of the legal profession predominating. The first question put to him from the answer of Defendant Carvalho. The answer was forthright. "The defendant further states that as business agent of the said defendant, Pulitzer, he was aware of the negotiations then pending and defendant, Pulitzer, had agreed to the agreement set out in the

read this paragraph of Mr. Carvalho's testimony in the Post-Dispatch, and argued as the legal exactly the opposite, setting the matter was raised and it was that he was a corporate agent. Carvalho's answer expressly denied that he was a corporate agent and defendant was admissible, of Sparks vs. Dispatch Company, Inc.

Mr. Lewis asked that the question be dropped against the points made

himself on both sides quoted over on the motion, which was finally overruled on by the court.

Col. Lewis: "Answer the question."

Col. Jones: "What is the question? I think I understand it."

Col. Lewis: "The reporter will read it you."

Col. Jones answered as follows: "At that meeting an arrangement was made between Mr. Carvalho and myself on the main points, and he is to see Pulitzer the next day before I left, and was then to see me. He did not see me the next day, but sent a telegram from Philadelphia saying he had gone."

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He invited me to dinner that night, and late in the evening, after everybody had gone, I said to him that he would sign the contract the next day. That is as far as I am able to recall to your Honor the substance of the talk I had with Mr. Pulitzer on Jekyll Island.

Q. "Was that the last meeting that you had with Mr. Pulitzer on Jekyll Island?"

A. "The dinner meeting, which was Wednesday the next day, which was Wednesday, I went around to Mr. Pulitzer's cottage, where I saw him for the last time before he left the Island."

Q. "Was that an agreement in regard to signing the contract carried out the next day? Please state what transpired."

Gen. Lewis: "I want to show Col. Jones the document which I have at this time in order to refresh his recollection."

Mr. Lehman: "We object to that."

Col. Jones: "What do you mean there was a document?"

Mr. McDonald: "He has stated that he has a correct statement of what occurred."

Mr. Judson: "He has a right to consult his attorney in regard to this."

The Court: "Let us see what he has to say about it."

Gen. Lewis: "The question is can you recall what occurred? But there is an important statement in writing embodied in that memorandum which I sent by Mr. McDonald to Mr. Pulitzer, which was to the effect that it would not really affect the whole proceeding, so I would not like to trust my memory in regard to it."

Mr. Judson: "Go on and state what occurred and we will consider it."

A. "It was shortly after noon that Mr. McDonald came over to the club-house and took me into the library or writing room and showed me a written memorandum from Mr. Pulitzer which he has instructed me to read to you." He then read the memorandum which he has been reading, "I will not sign this contract."

Mr. Judson: "Are you speaking now of an interview with Mr. Pulitzer?"

A. "No, I am speaking of what occurred between Mr. McDonald and myself when he came over to the club-house with the memorandum from Mr. Pulitzer. The memorandum began about this time, but I will not sign it unless Col. Jones agrees to the following: Then followed a memorandum specifically setting out certain things that Mr. Pulitzer would not put in the contract. More of those were accepted by me and are now embodied in the contract. You will find that in the copy of the memorandum I accepted. The vital part of his demand was that he should have the right to name the Board of Directors, and the right to vote to any appointments of any person to be either business manager or cashier and to demand the removal of any person as cashier or manager on the part of Mr. McDonald at the time that I wanted to control those matters myself and then I sent word to Mr. McDonald to Mr. Pulitzer."

Q. "Was that your answer in writing?"

A. "I will read it to you. The memorandum from Mr. McDonald interrupted me and said, 'Let me take that down.' So he took down in writing from me, at my dictation. Then when he had taken it down, he said, 'I will not sign it unless you will add to it what I copied. It is the memorandum which I took to Mr. Pulitzer and read. I want to read that memorandum with the Court's permission.' Then the Mr. McDonald took down from my dictation and which I copied: 'Col. Jones will not accept the memorandum. Col. Jones will abrogate the most vital features of his demand. Col. Jones will control over subordinates. Says under the contract he is responsible for the success of the business; that he is responsible without the power; that he insists that he would be foolish to accept the responsibility without the power; that he insists that he is not responsible as is.'

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Three Hundred Pounds of Powder  
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### THE CORONER IN EARNEST.

He Will Re-Examine Mr. Grubbs and  
Go Very Deeply Into Last Thursday's Catastrophe.

Cannon fire crackers were the cause of the death-dealing explosion of last Thursday. This was almost positively established Tuesday morning when the inquest over the six victims of the Second street disaster was resumed. Some other facts developed may help to fix the responsibility for the calamity.

By the testimony of one witness it was brought out that at least 300 pounds of gun powder in the shape of giant fire crackers alone were stored on the first floor of the building occupied by the H. B. Grubbs Commission Company.

It was also testified that the factors who received the money for the powder were visited with a terrific explosion last October, in which several lives were lost. In the opinion of Coroner Wilt there must have been known to Grubbs that he, at any rate, must have been aware that he was imperiling the lives of the large number of men in the explosion building.

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It is also intended by Coroner Wilt to secure, if possible, further information as to the explosion in the factory.

Even witness examined has stated the first thing noticed after the flames and smoke was a hissing sound. This was followed by two powerful explosions. In rapid succession, a large column of smoke and flames were first reached by the flames were of the lighter variety. They in turn exploded one box of giant fire-crackers, which exploded, bringing down the three buildings in ruin.

The explosives taken from the ruins of the wreck were not turned over to Regis Chauvain & Bro., chemists for experiments. The reason given is that because it was found they could not conclude the experiments in time. Accordingly the articles were given to the chemist at Webster Groves.

Shortly after 10 o'clock word was received from him that he had made a report on the experiments on Thursday evening. He then decided to go on with the inquest.

The explosives given to the chemist were the giant fire-crackers which Coroner Wilt had been examining.

There was considerable delay Tuesday in resuming the inquest over the six victims of the Second street explosion. The hour was past 10 o'clock when the Coroner's jury filed in and it was 10:30 o'clock before the taking of testimony was commenced.

H. B. Grubbs was not present when the inquest was resumed Tuesday, but there was a large crowd in the hallway adjacent to the office of the coroner.

The first witness examined was L. L. Green of 4221 Rivington, an insurance inspector. Mr. Green's testimony was that the fire was not but he also stated that at that time on Mr. Grubbs's own statement to witness there were at least 300 pounds of gunpowder on the first floor of the Second street building.

Green's testimony is regarded as of great importance.

Mr. Green stated that after the fire of Nov. 26 he called upon Mr. Grubbs to gather what facts he could about the fire. Mr. Grubbs showed him some giant fire-crackers about two and one-half inches long, which were in boxes. Mr. Grubbs told him that had the fire reached these there would have been considerable damage. He stated that each fire-cracker contained about a pound or a pound and a half of gunpowder.

"Well, we take it in one pound," broke in a witness. "How many cases of these fire-crackers were there?"

"Five or six, I think. I am not absolutely certain."

"Mr. Grubbs told me there were fifty in a case."

"How many in each case?"

"Mr. Grubbs told me there were fifty in a case. That would make 300 pounds then."

"Yes, about that, but I am not certain as to the number of cases."

"How large a stock of fireworks did he carry?"

"He told me \$7,000 or \$8,000 worth. About two-thirds of the floor space was well stocked with them. The floor was 110 or 120 feet long."

On Monday Mr. Grubbs stated that the floor was about 25 feet wide.

H. C. Henley of 800 Minnesota avenue, another insurance inspector, was also an important witness. His testimony was on the policy of insurance companies in regard to fireworks and the city ordinance relative to explosives.

While Henley was testifying the telephone in the Coroner's office rang. The call was received from Captain O'Malley of the Central Police District that his men were unable to find Grubbs and that he had not been seen since the explosion. Henley had to have his men look for him. They didn't find him and Chief Harrigan put a detective on the trail of the fireworks man.

Coroner Wilt decided to re-examine him as to the quantity of the fireworks he carried.

Witness Henley stated that after the explosion of Thursday he picked up some unexploded giant fire-crackers about eight inches long and one and a half inches in diameter. He had not experimented with them.

"Would you consider 300 pounds of powder in the shape of large fire-crackers an extra hazard amount of powder carried in one building?" said the Coroner.

"I should consider it exceedingly hazardous."

The fire-crackers each contained about one and one-half pounds of powder. There were fifty in a case, making packages of about 250 pounds each. Would you consider this dangerous?"

"I should think so. We would require increased rates for insurance."

"The only company starting more than thirty pounds of gunpowder, would you think this comes under the ordinance?"

"Yes, because the ordinance, I believe, makes no distinction between gunpowder and fireworks, though I think it should."

"Do you know whether the company making these fireworks ever had an explosion?"

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mony there was a long delay on account of the failure of Mr. Grubbs to appear.

The inquest was adjourned until 10 o'clock.

Mr. Grubbs will be re-examined in order that Grubbs may be re-examined and the report of the chemist at Washington University laid before the Board of Public Improvements.

Shortly after the inquest was adjourned Mr. Grubbs appeared at the office of the Board of Public Improvements and he would be on hand Thursday morning.

TO WIDEN MARKET STREET.

A Scheme to Lay Out a Park in Front of the Union Station.

Friday a plan for the improvement of the appearance of the streets in the vicinity of the Union Station will be placed before the Board of Public Improvements. This plan, which is being fostered by F. E. Nielsen, the real estate agent, the most prominent man in the city, is as follows:

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Blake was caught so certainly that there was no possibility of escape and admitted that he was just going to work, but the method used by the officers is somewhat hazy. The only visible source of information is his own admission, but the fact that Blake was captured fifteen minutes after getting possession of the tools makes it look as though he was trying to him the double cross in an unusual way.

Blake declares that he had an accomplice, a man who gave him the name of Frank Gibbons. The individual man Blake, the latter says, in a Jefferson avenue saloon a week or two ago. He had been drinking heavily, and when he was asked, then when the stranger broached the subject, to him he fell in readily with the plan. Gibbons was to make the molds and Blake was to get the money for the materials and furnish the room.

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While they still had Black under arrest the latter says he dared the other man to start the fight, but the other could not hear him coming. Then the man turned and ran back down stairs. The Marshal made no attempt to catch him.

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## HOW WERE THE PAPERS SECURED?

Bridge Pool Expose Created Contention Among the Clerks.

## ATTORNEY WATTS TOOK HOLD

Informed That the Post-Dispatch Has Original Documents, but Not How It Got Them.

About a week ago the Post-Dispatch published a complete expose of the combine between the Wiggins Ferry Co. and the bridge on the upper roadway traffic. The information on which the exposé was based consisted of copies of the memorandum of agreement, statements of the November earnings of the bridge and ferry, the showing of Pool Commissioners S. D. Webster, in which the division of earnings under the 65-35 per cent agreement is set forth, and other documents of lesser importance.

Some of these documents are copies of the originals in the offices of the two companies forming the pool. The statement of the November earnings of the Eds Bridge, is the original, made out with pen and ink in the general offices of the Terminal Railroad Association, which controls and operates the Eds Bridge. There are also original papers. These show conclusively that the bridge pool was in existence up to seven days ago.

A new agreement, probably the same as the one that has just expired, is said to have been drawn up for 1886. Like its predecessors, it is to lack the signatures of Dr. William Tausig, president of the Terminal Railroad Association, and John Scullin, president of the Wiggins Ferry Co.

Both the bridge and ferry people recognized the documents as being accurate, as appeared in print and there was consternation among the employees in the Wiggins general office. The Security Building, and also among the clerks of the Wiggins office, a man, who comes under President Tausig's critical eye at the Union Station. Both the bridge and ferry people are strict disciplinarians and dislike to be associated with a transaction that is made a misdemeanor by the Federal Statutes.

An investigation was at once set on foot to discover, if possible, how the Post-Dispatch obtained possession of the incriminating evidence against the bridge. The documents were closely examined to see if any locks had been broken or if the documents had been obtained from some other office.

Officials of both companies were in a quandary, and still are for that matter, as to what was to be done with the documents. Some of the clerks gave out information that some of the clerks gave out the information, since nothing was discovered that would indicate that the documents had been obtained from any other office.

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Willis J. Powell of 116 Morgan street, a citizen in the employ of the Frisco Railroad, reported to the police that while on his way home Monday night he either lost or had stolen from his pocket in the vicinity of Western and Pine streets a diamond scarf-pin value at \$175.

The police made an investigation and claim that Powell was the victim of the influence of his employer. He was formerly employed from a Lindell car at Finney and Vandeventer avenues by the conductor for a transaction which he was unable to account for.

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TO MANDAMUS HINRICHSEN.

Corporation Raises a Question of Interpretation of a New Law.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 7.—There was filed with the Supreme Court to-day a request to file petition of mandamus against Secretary of State Hinrichsen, requiring him to certify to increase of capital stock of the Illinois Construction Company of Chicago, from \$1,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

The company recently tendered the sum of \$1 for such increase, which was refused by the Secretary of State, who asked for a certificate of the law.

The Legislature increased the fees for such increases, from \$1 for each increase to \$1 for each \$1,000 of increase. The Attorney-General said the company had paid the fee.

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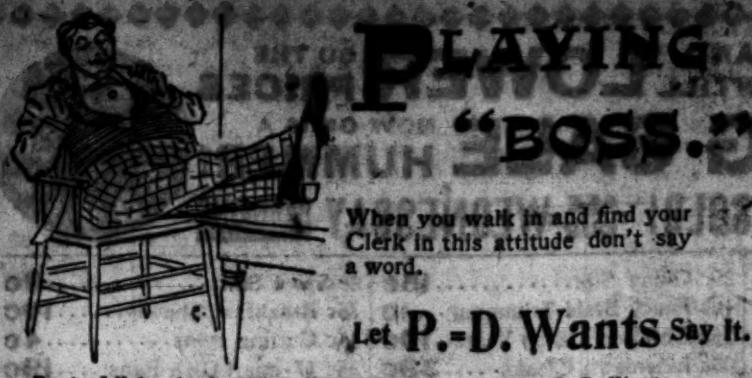
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Best of help obtained by advertising in or reading P.-D. Wants.

ANY DRUG STORE IN ST. LOUIS is authorized to receive advertisements and subscriptions for the Post-Dispatch.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

ANY drug store is authorized to receive wants ad-

vertisements for the Post-Dispatch.

Three lines (20 words), 2 cents; each additional

line, 2 cents.

ACCOUNTANT—Accountant's situation or set of

small books to keep. Add 2018 Sheridan av.

BOY—Wanted, by boy 14 years old, position of some

kind. Address H. 618, this office.

BOY—A bright boy of 14 would like a position in

office. Add E. Wasserleben, 5550 Cassens av.

BOY—A bright boy of 14 would like position; can

give reference. Address Chas. Layton, 3636

Easton av.

BOY—Wanted, situation by colored boy, dining

room preferred; good city references. Add 2018

Brentwood.

BOOKKEEPER—Steady position as bookkeeper or

office manager, by expert account; refs. Add 1.

salary moderate. Add 2018, this office.

BAKER—No. 1 cake and bread baker, single,

wishes situation; wages not as much object as a

good home. Add Otto Weber, 925 Franklin av.

COMPOSITOR—Wanted, situation as compositor

of type. Add 2018, this office.

CARPENTER—First-class carpenter wants jobbing;

will work for \$1.50 a day or by the job. Address

Carpenter, 309 N. 12th st.

CLERK—Situation wanted by grocery clerk; will

work in grocery store; it is a board and room; refs. Add 2018, this office.

FIREMAN—Situation by a good fireman; can

give reference. Address K. 607, this office.

ARMER—Young farmer of 21 wishes a position of

some kind, where he can work his way up; no

salary required. Add 2018, this office. Add 2018, this office.

HORSESHOING—Wanted, situation by strong

young man, 21 years old. Add 2018, this office.

MAN—Wanted, work of any kind by young man;

strong, intelligent, industrious, and capable. Add P. 918, this office.

MAN—Sobr, reliable, experienced with horses,

etc.; wants a home; Add 2018, this office.

MAN AND WIFE—Want situation for man and

wife; would cook, wash and iron, man general

work; woman, references furnished. Morton,

707 N. 618 st.

MAN—Cohes man from the South wishes a place

to work at housework or work of any kind. Add

2018, this office.

MAN—Young man wants work in a private family;

money no object; good refs. Add D. 918, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young man of 24; all

round carpenter; Catholic institution preferred;

will make himself generally useful; strictly tem-

perate; city references. Address R. 917, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by sober, experienced

man to take care of stock and do chores. Add

D. 904, this office.

MAN—Young colored man of 20 wants situation in

private home; Add 2018, to do house or dining

room work; Catholic family preferred. Address G.

915, this office.

SALESMAN—City salesman, 35, wishes permanent

position with merchant or manufacturer; trav-

eling several months with success; quit the road. Add

O. 884, this office.

BOOKSELLER—Wanted—A practical bookbinder

for second hand or hours. The Bridges Co.,

100 Park av.

BOOKKEEPER WANTED—Assistant bookkeeper;

state experience and salary expected. Add C. 919, this office.

BARBER—Barber. Utah and Jefferson

av. at 600c.

BOY WANTED—About 16, to do writing in office

and some collecting. Add N. 918, this office.

BOOKBINDERS WANTED—Good finishers and dor-

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## CUBANS FIGHTED FROM HAVANA.

The Insurgent Army Marching On the Capital.

## BEGINNING OF THE END.

The Inhabitants of the City Terror Stricken by the Explosion of Two Bombs.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Journal's special from Havana says: The beginning of the end has come. The insurgent armies are within sight of Havana and the firing of muskets and cannon is plainly heard in the Eastern suburbs.

The inhabitants were terror-stricken last night by the explosion of two bombs in the heart of the city. A long report in front of the Corona cigar factory created a panic in the vicinity of this, the largest establishment of the kind on the island. The central cable office of the Western Union and the Cable Company were also bombed to-day. "Railway communication between Havana and the Cuba Submarine Co. was interrupted," says the cable. Train leaves twice a day, at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m., returning about the same hours. Telegrams for West Indian points south subject to some delay."

Another in the series of reports from the United States, I doubt much whether our forces are strong enough at the present time to assume the government of Cuba with its mixed population, fresh from Spanish rule, especially untrained for American citizenship. The Cuban situation is now so serious that affairs on the island are approaching a crisis, and we must be prepared to protect American interests, whatever our attitude may be towards the insurgents. For this reason, if for no other, I trust you will doubt the truth of the story that the Cuban insurgents are preparing to use our Naval Atlantic Squadron to make a demonstration in Turkish waters. We must be good, our ships to protect our interests on the island of Cuba.

The insurgents have taken possession of any of the large cities, and control of the civil government of the island disturbances would inevitably follow and would be endangering our interests in Cuba with the presence of ships absolutely necessary.

A FALSE ALARM.

Havana Was Not Captured by Cubans, as Reported.

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## SIDEWALK LAW.

### Case Involving Hundreds of Thousands in Sidewalk Improvements.

The temporary victory gained by the Circuit Court last summer, when the plaintiff, Mr. Skinker, applied for an injunction, was knocked out by a decision of the St. Louis Court of Appeals Tuesday morning.

All the plantations in the vicinity of Havana are in the hands of the insurgents, and the advance of the insurgents has caused an alarming exodus of families to Marianao and other points.

Last night not a single train had arrived on the Western Railway. All traffic in the west is interrupted by the rebels. No trains are running in the city, and all the fortifications are being strengthened.

A regular panic prevails in the Cuban capital and suburbs. Couriers are rushing back and forth from the official headquarters, and the streets are filled with excited groups of rebels. The rebels are also busily attacking the military.

Several columns of troops have left here to day which have been dispatched to head off the advance of the insurgents.

On the west, the rebels have taken the road and mounted cavalry continues to scour around the walls of the city, evidently looking for scouts and spies. Everybody is in a panic, and the streets are filled with hanging ominously over the failed island are now ready to burst, and that a bloody conflict is imminent.

The rebels have come in to day in droves, but are reassured by the Spaniards. Gen. Gomez has now established his headquarters between San Felipe and Pozo Rosado, and is camped at Guanabacoa, within a few hours' ride from the city, right in Havana Province. On their way to these places the insurgents destroyed several stations on the Villa Nueva Railroad.

The Mayor of San Felipe threatened a feeble resistance, but Gomez sent word that he must burn his town, and when he did, he would venture to fire a single shot. The Mayor yielded to the pleadings of the rebels, and San Felipe, which he would share their property, and surrendered the town to Gomez. He entered the place with about 5,000 men and kept his word, but the rebels did not, and none of the residents suffered violence.

The vanguard of Quintin Bandera set off to all the castles between Pozo Rosado and the city, but the rebels were too vast and rich sugar region. Railroad communication with the latter place is cut off altogether. Early in the day, the rebels took station at Guanabacoa and Pozo Rosado, while the town of Gabriel, further westward, has been reduced to a name.

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## IN THE HOUSE.

### Members Awaiting the Foreign Affairs Committee's Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Several members of the House consulted the leaders to-day regarding the introduction of resolutions to the Foreign Affairs Committee to the effect that the insurgents should be recognized as a belligerent. Chas. H. T. Hitt of the Committee on Foreign Affairs said that he had no objection to the introduction of resolutions to that effect, but that the resolutions covering every phase of the question had been introduced and were now before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which was in session to-morrow, and that the Committee would not come up for discussion until the Committee on Foreign Affairs makes a report.

## CUBA'S FUTURE.

### Leaders of the Revolution All Favor Annexation to This Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—One of the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, when asked whether the recent successes of the insurgents in Cuba would hasten the recognition by this Government of the rights of the belligerents, said:

The State Department is now preparing, in answer to a resolution of the House, copies of all the correspondence which has taken place since the breaking out of the rebellion. The Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Spanish Minister of Finance, and the Spanish Minister of War, have all written to the Spanish Minister, and the report came late to day that La Salud, the terminus of the Western Railway, is in flames.

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